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CENTRAL LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC.

ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

DECEMBER 31, 2008

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Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc.

December 31, 2008

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors

Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (CLEDA) (a nonprofit corporation), Alexandria, Louisiana, as of December 31, 2008, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of CLEDA's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc., as of December 31, 2008, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 6, 2009, on our consideration of CLEDA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and important for assessing the results of our audit.

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Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2008

Exhibit A

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 38,842
Accounts receivable	16,869
Unconditional promises to give	15,000
Prepaid expenses	21,500
Total Current Assets	<u>92,211</u>

Noncurrent Assets

Unconditional promises to give	<u>15,000</u>
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Total Assets

\$ 107,211

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Due to affiliated organization	\$ 12,247
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Net Assets

Unrestricted	<u>94,964</u>
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets

\$ 107,211

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc.
Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2008

Exhibit B

	<u>Unrestricted</u>
Revenues and Other Support	
State economic development grants	\$ 180,233
Contributions	8,050
Interest income	60
Total Revenues and Other Support	<u>188,343</u>
Expenses	
Economic development activities	
Contracted services	31,998
Marketing expenses	83,428
Office and administration	61,567
General and administrative	
Office and administration	4
Total Expenses	<u>176,997</u>
Change in Net Assets	11,346
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>83,618</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 94,964</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc.
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2008

Exhibit C

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Change in net assets	\$ 11,346
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Change in operating assets and liabilities	
Accounts receivable	40,732
Unconditional promises to give	15,000
Prepaid expenses	(21,500)
Due to affiliated organization	(45,770)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>(192)</u>

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

-

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

-

Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents

(192)

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year

39,034

Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year

\$ 38,842

Additional Required Disclosures (See Note 4)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc.
December 31, 2008

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Activities

The Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (CLEDA), formerly The Central Louisiana Foundation, was incorporated in 1974 as a nonprofit corporation, on a non-stock basis, under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes. In January 2005, the name was officially changed to the Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc. CLEDA promotes economic growth and employment opportunities in the central Louisiana area. CLEDA receives funding from state economic development grants and contributions from area businesses to conduct its activities.

Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

Basis of Accounting

CLEDA utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Basis of Presentation

Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 117, CLEDA is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. At year-end, CLEDA did not have any temporary or permanently restricted net assets.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits as well as highly liquid investments with maturity dates of three months or less when acquired. At year-end cash and cash equivalents consisted of amounts in demand deposits. There were no highly liquid investments held at year-end.

Recognition of Donor Restricted Contributions

Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the support is recognized. All other donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets.

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December 31, 2008

Notes to Financial Statements

Bad Debts

Amounts due are recognized as bad debts as they are considered uncollectible. In the opinion of management, all receivables were collectible and an allowance for doubtful accounts was not considered necessary.

Income Taxes

CLEDA is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and from state income taxes under applicable Louisiana Revised Statutes. CLEDA is not a private foundation.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable at year-end consists of amounts due from the State of Louisiana, Office of Economic Development for economic development grants.

3. Unconditional Promises to Give

Due within one year or less	\$ 15,000
Due in more than one year	
2010	<u>15,000</u>
	\$ 30,000

Unconditional promises to give consist of an unconditional pledge to CLEDA. Management considers the pledge to be fully collectible.

4. Additional Required Disclosures Relating to the Statement of Cash Flows

No interest or income taxes were paid in 2008. There were no material noncash financing or investing transactions during the year that affected recognized assets or liabilities.

Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc.
December 31, 2008

Notes to Financial Statements

5. Related Party Transactions

CLEDA is affiliated with the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, Inc. In 2007 and 2008, cooperative endeavor agreements were entered into between the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce on behalf of Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc. to conduct economic development activities for the Central Louisiana area. Under the terms of these agreements, for the year ended December 31, 2008, CLEDA reimbursed the Chamber for personnel costs and related benefits in the amount of \$58,547 (included in office and administration in Exhibit B) related to the administration of this grant. At year-end, CLEDA owed the Chamber \$12,247 that was settled from grant proceeds and other sources received subsequent to year-end.

CLEDA entered into a professional services contract with a local engineering firm for master plan development of industrial park land owned by the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Under the terms of the contract, the engineering firm was paid \$21,998. One of the members of the engineering firm is a director of CLEDA.

6. Concentration of Funding

CLEDA receives a significant part of its funding from Louisiana Department of Economic Development grants.

7. Contingencies

CLEDA receives grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could result in a request for reimbursement for disallowed costs under the terms of the grant agreements. In the opinion of management, such disallowances, if any, would be insignificant.

**Other Reports Required by
Government Auditing Standards
and *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide***



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**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on
Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of
Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
Governmental Auditing Standards**

Board of Directors
Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc.

We have audited the financial statements of Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (CLEDA) (a nonprofit corporation) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated February 6, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered CLEDA's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of CLEDA's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of CLEDA's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects CLEDA's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of CLEDA's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by CLEDA's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by CLEDA's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether CLEDA's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc., the Legislative Auditor's office of the State of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is in fact a public document.

Payne, Moore & Herrington, LLP

Certified Public Accountants

February 6, 2009

Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, Inc.
Schedule of Findings and Responses
Year Ended December 31, 2008

Part I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:

Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?

___ Yes X No

Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weaknesses?

___ Yes X None reported

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?

___ Yes X No

Federal Awards

Not Applicable

Management's Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

Not Applicable

Management's Corrective Action Plan

Not Applicable

Other Comments and Recommendations

Not Applicable

Part II - Findings Related to the Financial Statements

None

Part III - Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

Not applicable